

IN THE SPECIFICATION

B¹ At page 17, line 29, please delete "liquid carrier" and insert - of the overall decorative enhancement composition -.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

- 1 47. A method for permanent decorative enhancement of a polyethylene
2 surface of a molded polyethylene article, which method comprises:
3 (a) incorporating a decorative enhancement composition to said
4 polyethylene surface wherein said decorative enhancement
5 composition consists essentially of:
6 (1) a liquid carrier that provides the decorative enhancement
7 composition with a consistency and viscosity necessary for
8 application by liquid methods of application; and
9 (2) a first mixture consisting essentially of:
10 (A) a colorant to impart a desired surface color; and
11 (B) a second mixture consisting essentially of:
12 (i) a binder to provide the decorative enhancement
13 composition with temporary adherence; and
14 (ii) a particulate thermoplastic powder that is adapted
15 to fuse into and form a permanent bond with
16 the molded polyethylene article; and
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17 (b) heating said decorative enhancement composition and said molded
18 polyethylene article to produce a molded polyethylene article
19 having a permanent decoratively enhanced surface characterized
20 by a colorant on and in said polyethylene surface of said molded
21 polyethylene article.

1 48. The method of Claim 47 wherein said molded polyethylene article is a
2 preformed molded polyethylene article.

1 49. The method of Claim 48 wherein said incorporating step is
2 accomplished by applying said decorative enhancement composition to said preformed
3 molded polyethylene article.

1 50. The method of Claim 49 wherein said heating step is accomplished by
2 heating said decorative enhancement composition and said preformed molded
3 polyethylene article to a temperature and for a time sufficient to fuse said decorative
4 enhancement composition to said preformed molded polyethylene article.

1 51. The method of Claim 47 wherein said liquid carrier comprises 20 to 90
2 weight percent of said decorative enhancement composition.

1 52. The method of Claim 47 wherein said first mixture of said colorant,
2 said binder, and said particulate thermoplastic powder collectively comprise 10 to 80
3 weight percent of said decorative enhancement composition.

1 53. The method of Claim 52 wherein said colorant comprises 9 to 50
2 weight percent of said first mixture and said binder and said particulate thermoplastic
3 powder collectively comprises 50 to 91 weight percent of said first mixture.

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2 54. The method of Claim 53 wherein said binder comprises 30 to 70
3 weight percent of said second mixture and is selected from the group consisting of
B2 4 hydrocarbon resins, petroleum, synthetic waxes, emulsifiable waxes, rosins, rosin-
5 esters, terpene based resins, and chlorinated polyolefin resins.

1 55. The method of Claim 53 wherein said particulate thermoplastic
2 powder comprises 70 to 30 weight percent of said second mixture and is selected from
3 the group consisting of polyethelene, polypropylene, and ethylene-vinyl acetate co-
4 polymers wherein said powder has a density from 0.88 to 0.97 and a particle size no
5 greater than 140 microns diameter